



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Krzysztof Malowaniec et al) Art Unit: 1772
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Appln. No. : 09/509,535) Ex: P. Nordmeyer
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Filed : August 7, 2000) VIA FACSIMILE
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For : COMPOSITE, ITS USE, AND)
METHOD FOR ITS PRODUCTION)

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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Sir:

The following amendment to claim 22 and accompanying remarks are being submitted as a supplement to the RESPONSE filed September 17, 2002.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 22 as follows:

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22. (Amended) A composite material for forming a liquid-retaining layer in a hygiene article or a medical product, comprising:

a first layer of substantially continuous staple fibers with a diameter of 15 to 35 μm ;
a second film layer; and
a third layer of microfibers with a diameter of less than 10 μm , said third layer